

**ORGANIZED VILLAGE OF SAXMAN
REGULAR MEETING - December 11, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER

This meeting was called to order by President Joe Williams at 4:35 PM. (Zoom is available).

PRAYER – Opening Prayer was given by Nora DeWitt.

ROLL CALL/QUORUM

Roll Call was taken as follows:

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: President Joe Williams Jr., Vice President Charles (Chuck) Denny (arrived at 6:58 pm), Treasurer Trudi Swink, Secretary Carrie (Wallace) Denny, Council Members Caryl Williams, Claudia Boyd and Nora DeWitt.

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Tribal Administrator Charlie White, Tribal Administrative Layla Kelly, City of Saxman Mayor Frank Seludo, Bookkeeper Amy DeTienne.

A quorum was declared present and the meeting continued per the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS None

CONSIDERATION OF THE AGENDA

Motion/Second Claudia Boyd and Caryl Williams to accept the agenda and to add Central Council Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska (CCTHITA) Retrocession under Old Business; and to do New Business before Staff Reports. All in favor. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1 NOVEMBER 11, 2023 - Special Meeting Minutes

Motion/Second Nora DeWitt and Claudia Boyd moved to approve November 11, 2023 special meeting minutes. All in favor. Motion carried.

STAFF REPORTS

2 FINANCE REPORT

Motion/Second Nora DeWitt and Claudia Boyd to defer the Finance Report until all information was in hand. All in favor, motion carried.

3 MAINTENANCE REPORT

BACKGROUND: Rick Makua, Maintenance Supervisor will present the Maintenance Report and give current update. Rick Makua was not present and the Council agreed to just read over his report.

4 TRIBAL ADMINISTRATOR REPORT – CHARLIE WHITE

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Motion/Second Nora DeWitt and Claudia Boyd to accept the Tribal Administrator's Report. All in favor, motion carried.

5 TRIBAL ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT REPORT – LAYLA KELLY

Motion/Second Claudia Boyd and Carrie Denny to accept the Tribal Administrative Assistant's Report. All in favor, motion carried.

6 B.I.A. PROVIDERS CONFERENCE REPORT

President Joe Williams and Claudia Boyd presented their information that was received at the BIA Providers Conference.

Motion/Second Nora DeWitt and Caryl Williams to accept the BIA Providers Conference reports. All in favor, motion carried.

7 IGAP WORKSHOP REPORT

President Joe Williams and Councilmember Claudia Boyd presented their information they received at the IGAP Workshop.

Motion/Second Chuck Denny and Caryl Williams to accept the BIA Providers Conference reports. All in favor, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

CCTHITA (Tlingit & Haida) WITHDRAWAL - Deferred

President Joe Williams stated he is waiting for answers to questions presented to KIC President Norman Skan. Layla Kelly stated she will be reaching out to try to obtain the answers to the questions discussed at the OVS Workshop on November 20th. Tribal Administrator stated he will draft a letter to request answers. The Council concurred to have this deferred until all the answers are provided.

NEW BUSINESS

8 NEW LETTERHEAD

President Joe Williams requests to remove the Council information on right-hand side of the letterhead. The Council requested to keep as is after removal of information and just to add the saxmanira&kpunet.net email underneath picture for point of contact.

Motion/Second Nora DeWitt and Caryl Williams to approve letterhead. All in favor, motion carried.

9 PURCHASE OF TECHNOLOGY FOR COUNCIL MEMBERS/AUDIT OF SIGNED TECHNOLOGY

BACKGROUND: The Tribal Administrative Assistant provided a quote on new technology for staff and Councilmembers whom need it. A verbal report was requested on which Councilmembers have technology signed out and to take inventory for OVS records. The Council should review and make a motion to approve the purchase of presented items.

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It was suggested tablets be purchased instead of computers as they are cheaper; to purchase tablets for all Council and staff. Tribal Administrative Assistant Layla Kelly offered to provide training and help everyone with setup and how to work the tablets as needed.

10 REQUEST TO AID WRANGELL FOR LANDSLIDE

Motion/Second Claudia Boyd and Trudi Swink to approve \$1,000 in aid to Wrangell for the disaster with the landslide that occurred. Funds would come from Small Tribes Grant (STG). Council expressed their sadness in this situation but in the past there was a situation when Prince of Wales had a disaster and no offer was made to help them. In the event Saxman has a disaster Council felt assistance must be given to Saxman before giving to others. It was felt if you give to one a precedent is set and you have to give to others. Also the STG is to be used for Tribal administrative expenses.

ROLL CALL VOTE CALLED: YES VOTE: None; NO VOTE: Trudi Swink, Carrie Denny, Nora DeWitt, Claudia Boyd and Caryl Williams; ABSTAINING VOTE: None; Motion Failed.

11 DESIGNATING A NEGOTIATING TEAM TO REPRESENT OVS

BACKGROUND: Requesting a designated negotiating team to represent OVS regarding the KIC Broadband.

After discussing President Joe Williams appointed Vice President Chuck Denny, Treasurer Trudi Swink and Councilmember Nora DeWitt to serve with him.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion/Second Trudi Swink and Claudia Boys to recess the meeting to allow for an executive session at 7:25 pm. All in favor. Motion carried. When completed the meeting was called back to order.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS None

NEXT MEETING DATE(S)

January 8, 2023 at 4:30 pm – Regular Meeting

January 12th - 15th, 2023 – Strategic Planning Workshop in Seattle, WA

COUNCIL/PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

President Joe Williams expressed his appreciation for all who attended and felt it was good they felt they could speak freely about their concerns; his excitement about new homes being built and only having to come up with only a 15% match. He thanked staff for their hard work.

Vice President Chuck Denny stated it was good to have a full Council and staff; and to have all the information. He expressed he was glad OVS was taking over the food cards distribution as soon as possible since people think they are coming from the City and not the Tribe. He shared with the Council the Board he serves on when they travel don't all travel on the same flight because if there is an accident you won't lose the entire Board. He advised he would be traveling and would not make the January 8th meeting in person but would zoom in.

Treasurer Trudi Swink thanked everyone and noted it was good to have a full Council present. She appreciated staff for all the information provided. She stated she would be traveling and would not make the January 8th meeting in person but would also zoom in.

Secretary Carrie Denny stated this was a good meeting and was glad the meeting started earlier at 4:30 pm.

Councilmember Nora DeWitt expressed her appreciation for Claudia Boyd attending and the staff for everything they are doing. She agreed that the full Council should not be traveling on the same flights but split up so if there is an accident they all won't be injured. She stated she appreciated the meeting but wants to get on top of finances.


Councilmember Caryl Williams stated this was a good meeting and she has been learning a lot. She looks forward to helping the Council be successful. She wanted to know and see how the three entities (City of Saxman, Cape Fox Corporation and OVS) are working together.

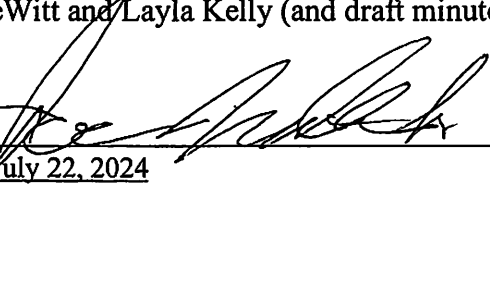
Councilmember Claudia Boyd stated she was glad for the opportunity to attend the conferences.

The Council discussed a holiday break starting December 22nd through January 2nd and all agreed the offices will be closed but everyone will be on call so if anything is needed they can come in. Maintenance Supervisor Rick Makua and his employee Florence McGilton will be on call for snow removal if necessary. The break will be paid time off and if required to work on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day double pay will apply.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion/Second Chuck Denny and Claudia Boyd to adjourn the meeting. All in favor, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:24 pm.

Submitted by Nora DeWitt: 
Minutes prepared by Layla Kelly; Corrected by Nora DeWitt
Notes Provided By: Nora DeWitt and Layla Kelly (and draft minutes)

Signed by Joe Williams Jr.: 
Date of Approval by Council: July 22, 2024

SAXMAN IRA COMMITTEES

POLICY

1. Nora DeWitt - Chair
2. Trudi Swink
3. Chuck Denny
4. Mike DeWitt

TRANSBOUNDARY

1. Chuck Denny – Chair
2. Mike DeWitt
3. Carrie Denny

NEGOTIATE

1. Joe Williams – Chair
2. Nora DeWitt
3. Trudi Swink
4. Mike DeWitt

Community Development

1. Nora Dewitt
2. Caryl Williams
3. Chuck Denny

ROADS

1. Chuck Denny – Chair
2. Mike Dewitt
3. Carrie Denny

EPA – IGAP

1. Nora DeWitt – Chair
2. Trudi Swink
3. Mike DeWitt

ENROLLMENT

1. Nora DeWitt – Chair
2. Caryl Williams
3. Chuck Denny
4. Carrie Denny

FINANCE

1. Chuck Denny - Chair
2. Trudi Swink
3. Nora DeWitt
4. Caryl Williams

ECONOMIC

1. Caryl Williams - Chair
2. Mike DeWitt
3. Nora DeWitt
4. Trudi Swink

CONSTITUTION

1. Chuck Denny - Chair
2. Caryl Williams
4. Nora DeWitt
5. Carrie Denny

FOOD GRANT

1. Nora DeWitt - Chair
2. Caryl Williams
3. Trudi Swink

Wood Mizer

1. Chuck Denny - Chair
2. Caryl Williams
3. Mike DeWitt